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RE: Serial No. 10/634,356; Filed August 5, 2003
Title: Connection Apparatus for a Transaxle Having Two Housings

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Applicant: Hauser)
Serial No.: 10/634,356)
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Title: Connection Apparatus for a)
Transaxle Having Two Housings)

Examiner: Lum Vannucci, L.
Group Art Unit: 3611
Docket No. 36400.29US2

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Office Action dated April 19, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted. The applicant makes the following amendments and remarks in response thereto.

Amendments

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the sentence in the "Related Application" section at page 1, lines 5 and 6, in its entirety and replace it with the following:

This application claims the benefit of and is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/056,570 filed on January 25, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,644,425, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	10/634,356
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First Named Inventor	Raymond Hauser
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1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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